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UNIVERSITY TRAINING

1985 – 1988: University training at the University Claude Bernard, Lyon, France.

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"Structure and function of the *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* mitochondrial F1-ATPase"

Awarded a prize from the **DINA SURDIN foundation** for the best Ph.D. in Biochemistry.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1987-1991: PhD in Biochemistry

Biology and Technology of Membranes and of Integrated Systems, UMR 24, CNRS

Université Claude Bernard - LYON I. Director : Prof. D. C. GAUTHERON

1991-1993 : Post-Doctoral position

Max Planck Institut of Medical Research, Department of Biophysics, Jahnstrasse 29,

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Project: Structure and mechanism of HIV reverse transcriptase .

1993-1995: Leader group position at Max Planck Institute of Medical Research, Department of Biophysics, Director : Prof. K. HOLMES

1996 - 2001: Principal Investigator (CR1 –CNRS) at the Centre de Recherche en Biochimie Macromoléculaire, Biophysics Department, UPR 1086 CNRS, Montpellier, France.

1999-2001: Associated Professor (Visiting scientist) at the **Scripps Research Institute**, La Jolla, USA. Laboratory of **Prof. J.A. Tainer**, Molecular Biology Department

Since 2002: Research Director at the Centre de Recherche en Biochimie Macromoléculaire, Biophysics Department, UPR 1086 CNRS, Montpellier France.

Principal Research Projects:

- 1 - Design and development of peptides for gene and protein delivery
- 2 - Control of the cell cycle progression and design of inhibitors

3 – Regulation of HIV infection by targeting reverse transcriptase activation

PUBLICATIONS

- 1 - Morris, M.C., Gondeau, C., Tainer, J. A., & Divita G. Kinetic mechanism of activation of the Cdk2/cyclin A complex : Key role of the C-lobe of the Cdk. *J. Biol. Chem.* (2002), 277, 23847-23853
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- 8 - Bertolaet, B., Clark, D., Wolff, M., Watson, M., Divita, G., & Reed, S. UBA domains of DNA damage inductible proteins interact with ubiquitin *Nature Struct. Biol.* (2001), 8, 417-422
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- 11 - Van Mau N, Misse D, Le Grimellec C, Divita G, Heitz F, Veas F. The SU glycoprotein 120 from HIV-1 penetrates into lipid monolayers mimicking plasma membranes. *J Membr Biol.* (2000) 177, 251-257.

- 12 - Morris MC, Chaloin L, Heitz F, & Divita G. Translocating peptides and proteins and their use for gene delivery. *Curr Opin Biotechnol.* (2000) 11, 461-466.
- 13 - Chaloin, L., Morris, M.C., Van Nau, N., Mery, J., Divita, G. & Heitz, F. Synthetic primary amphipathic peptides as tools for the cellular import of drug and nucleic acids. *Current Topics in Peptide and Protein Research.* (1999), 1, 117-133.
- 14 - Morris, M.C., Heitz, F., & Divita G. Molecular mechanism of formation of cdk/cyclin complexes : role in cell cycle progression. *Recent Res. Dev. Biochemistry,* (1999), 1, 117-132
- 15 - Shafiee, M., Gosselin, G., Imbach, J.L., Divita, G., Eriksson, S., & Maury, G., Study of human deoxycytidine kinase binding properties using intrinsic fluorescence or new fluorescent ligands. *Eur. J. Med Chem.* (1999), 34, 423 - 431.
- 16 - Morris, M.C., Chaloin, L., Mery, J., Heitz, F., & Divita, G., A novel strategy for gene delivery using peptide vectors, (1999), *Eurocancer-99*, Ed. John Libbey Eurotext, Paris, 149 – 150.
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